

# Hedgehog's Homework



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## Taxation Without Representation Is Tyranny

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Vol. I

1763 -1766

No. I

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2. Do you think it was fair for the Parliament to expect the colonies to pay to house and feed the British troops? Why or why not?
  - Many answers are acceptable here. Given that the troops were here to protect the colonists, it seems reasonable to expect the colonial legislatures to house and feed the troops. However, the colonists had no representation in Parliament and no say in this decision. From that point of view, it seems unfair to expect the colonial legislatures to bear the burden of feeding the troops.
3. Did the colonists respond to the Stamp Act with peaceful protests or with violence?
  - They responded with both peaceful protests and violence.
4. What is the name of the mob that hanged and burned an effigy of Andrew Oliver in Boston?
  - Sons of Liberty
5. Who or what was the funeral procession for in Philadelphia on October 5, 1765?
  - The funeral procession was for liberty.

6. Why would a newspaper publisher like William Bradford be against the Stamp Act?
  - The Stamp Act taxed newspapers. (Newspaper publishers would have to pass that tax along to their subscribers and advertisers in the form of increased prices).
7. Who argued for the repeal of the Stamp Act in front of the House of Commons?
  - Benjamin Franklin
8. What date was the Stamp Act repealed?
  - March 18, 1766
9. What date was the Declaratory Act passed?
  - March 18, 1766
10. In your opinion, was the repeal of the Stamp Act a victory for the colonists? Why or why not?
  - The repeal of the Stamp Act was a victory for the colonists, but a fleeting one. The colonists learned that they could effect change by uniting (especially economically) against the British. The Declaratory Act proved that victory against the Stamp Act was not the end of the struggle, but merely the beginning.
11. Does Hedgehog always tell you both sides (British and colonial) of a story?
  - Hedgehog does not attempt to tell the story from both sides, always favoring the colonists in reporting the stories. Like many colonists, Hedgehog is not seeking independence at this point and sometimes even shows an understanding of why the British take certain actions. For example, in the Quartering Act story, Hedgehog understands that the British troops are “here to protect us from the hostile French and Indians.” However, Hedgehog never explains the economic problems or taxation issues in Great Britain, nor does he report any stories of Loyalists in the colonies supporting the King.

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No. II

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1. The Townshend Acts placed taxes on lead, paper, paint, glass and one other item. What is that other item?
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2. Did the *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies* call for a peaceful resolution or for war?
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3. Who does Hedgehog think authored the *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies*?
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4. Why do you think John Adams and Josiah Quincy would defend Captain Preston in the Boston Massacre trials?
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5. What punishment did Privates Montgomery and Killroy receive for their role in the Boston Massacre?
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6. Parliament repealed the Townshend Act taxes on all items except one. What is this item?
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7. Why do you think the Sons of Liberty dressed as Mohawk Indians when they dumped the tea into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party?

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2. Did the *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies* call for a peaceful resolution or for war?
  - The *Letters from a Farmer* called for a peaceful resolution.
3. Who does Hedgehog think authored the *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies*?
  - John Dickinson
4. Why do you think John Adams and Josiah Quincy would defend Captain Preston in the Boston Massacre trials?
  - Even though these men supported the patriot cause, they believed that Captain Preston was innocent. (These men respected the law. Their decision may have made them unpopular, but they would not be hypocrites).
5. What punishment did Privates Montgomery and Killroy receive for their role in the Boston Massacre?
  - Sheriff Greenleaf branded the two convicted soldiers on their right thumbs.
6. Parliament repealed the Townshend Act taxes on all items except one. What is this item?
  - Tea

7. Why do you think the Sons of Liberty dressed as Mohawk Indians when they dumped the tea into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party?
  - They did not want to be recognized and arrested.
8. How did the British Parliament respond to the Boston Tea Party?
  - Parliament responded with the Coercive Acts (known in America as the Intolerable Acts). The four acts included: the Boston Port Bill, the Quartering Act, the Massachusetts Government Act and the Administration of Justice Act.
9. What is the name of the building in Philadelphia where the delegates met to discuss the growing crisis with Great Britain?
  - Carpenters' Hall (This meeting is known today as the First Continental Congress).
10. Who wrote the Suffolk Resolves?
  - Dr. Joseph Warren
11. Do you think Hedgehog is more sympathetic to the colonists or to Parliament? Why?
  - Hedgehog continues to report the stories from the point of view of the colonists. The story on the Coercive Acts is definitely supportive of the colonial right to self government.
12. Who do you think Hedgehog is?
  - Any answer is acceptable here. Students may think that Hedgehog is John Dickinson.



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**A Free and Independent Journal of These United Colonies**

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**Vol. I**

**April 1775 - June 1776**

**No. III**

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1. Who warned the patriots of the advancing British troops in the Battles of Lexington and Concord?

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2. Why doesn't Hedgehog tell you who fired first (the British or the Minutemen) in the Battles of Lexington and Concord?

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4. Who replaced Peyton Randolph as the President of the Congress?

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5. Who won the Battle of Breed's Hill? Why?

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6. Who wrote *Common Sense*?

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7. Explain in your own words the sentence, “*Common Sense* proves that the printed word is just as powerful as the musket.”

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8. Did the delegates seek reconciliation or declare independence? Explain your answer.

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9. Do you think Hedgehog is a patriot or a Loyalist? Why?

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  - Paul Revere
  - William Dawes
  - Samuel Prescott
2. Why doesn't Hedgehog tell you who fired first (the British or the Minutemen) in the Battles of Lexington and Concord?
  - Hedgehog doesn't know who fired first. (Historians still do not know).
3. Where did the delegates meet to discuss the growing crisis with Great Britain.
  - The delegates met in the Pennsylvania State House. (Today we call this gathering the Second Continental Congress and the building is now known as Independence Hall).
4. Who replaced Peyton Randolph as the President of the Congress?
  - John Hancock
5. Who won the Battle of Breed's Hill? Why?
  - Since the patriots retreated first, the British won the battle. From a psychological point of view, the patriots scored a victory. The patriots successfully held off the British on the first two attacks. This was quite a feat for an outnumbered, untrained fighting force.

6. Who wrote *Common Sense*?

- Thomas Paine wrote the pamphlet, but it was first published anonymously.

7. Explain in your own words the sentence, “*Common Sense* proves that the printed word is just as powerful as the musket.”

- Weapons may help an army win a war, but the printed word can inspire people to support the cause and even take up arms. *Common Sense* provided a justification for seeking independence. (The printed word is just as important to a revolution as fire power because of its ability to sway public opinion).

8. Did the delegates seek reconciliation or declare independence? Explain your answer.

- The delegates did both. First they sought reconciliation with the Olive Branch Petition. When King George III refused to hear the petition, talk began to grow of seeking independence. *Common Sense* inspired many colonists to support the movement for independence. On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee put forth the resolution for independence.


9. Do you think Hedgehog is a patriot or a Loyalist? Why?

- Hedgehog is a patriot. The most obvious example is his use of the word “patriot.” To a Loyalist, the people fighting the British were traitors and murderers, not patriots. Other examples include the fact that he is saddened by the death of almost 100 patriots at Lexington and Concord, and he mourns the loss of the patriot Dr. Joseph Warren.

10. Who do you think Hedgehog is?

- Any answer is acceptable here. Students may think that Hedgehog is Thomas Paine at this point.

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## A Journal Of The Course Of Human Events

Vol. I

July - August 1776

No. IV

1. How many colonies voted for independence on July 1, 1776?

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2. What happened in Congress on July 2, 1776?

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3. Who broke the tie for Delaware on July 2, 1776?

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4. How do you think Jefferson felt when the men changed his words in the Declaration of Independence?

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6. What happened in Congress on July 4, 1776?

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Vol. I

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1. How many colonies voted for independence on July 1, 1776?
  - Nine
2. What happened in Congress on July 2, 1776?
  - The delegates voted to approve Lee's resolution for independence. Then, they began debate on the Declaration of Independence.
3. Who broke the tie for Delaware on July 2, 1776?
  - Caesar Rodney
4. How do you think Jefferson felt when the men changed his words in the Declaration of Independence?
  - Many answers are acceptable here. Usually, authors are unhappy when their works are edited down. Years later, Jefferson remarked that he was not happy with the changes.
5. List one of the major sections cut from Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.
  - One section accused the King of forcing the slave trade on the colonies. The other section accused the English people of allowing the King and Parliament to harm our people. Either answer is correct.

6. What happened in Congress on July 4, 1776?

- The men finally agreed on the wording of the Declaration of Independence. All of the colonies except New York (still abstaining) voted to approve the document.

7. Was the Declaration of Independence signed on July 4, 1776? If not, when was it signed?

- The Declaration of Independence was NOT signed on July 4, 1776. It was signed on August 2, 1776. (Probably fifty men signed on August 2. Five men signed separately later that year. One man, Thomas McKean of Delaware, penned his name sometime after January 18, 1777. There are 56 signatures on the document.)

8. List one difference between the signed Declaration of Independence and the printed version.

- The signed Declaration of Independence is engrossed, meaning that it is handwritten rather than printed. The heading on the signed document says it is a “unanimous declaration.” Either answer is correct.

9. Do you think Hedgehog is a patriot or a Loyalist? Why?


- Hedgehog is definitely a patriot. He declares that the Declaration of Independence is “a most remarkable document.”

10. Who do you think Hedgehog is?

- Any answer is acceptable here. The students may think that Thomas Jefferson is Hedgehog.



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**A Journal of the Times That Try Men's Souls**

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**Vol. I**

**1776 - 1783**

**No. V**

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1. Who won the Battles of Long Island and Harlem Heights?

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2. What happened at the Battle of Trenton?

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3. List one valuable item removed from Philadelphia before the British occupation.

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4. Who was the American hero at the Battle of Saratoga?

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5. Why was the winter at Valley Forge so difficult for the Continental Army?

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6. Who trained Washington's soldiers during the encampment at Valley Forge?

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7. Who offered to give away the American fort at West Point to the British?

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8. What happened at the Battle of Yorktown?

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9. Do you think Hedgehog is a patriot or a Loyalist? Why?

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10. Who is Hedgehog?

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1. Who won the Battles of Long Island and Harlem Heights?
  - The British won those battles.
2. What happened at the Battle of Trenton?
  - Washington's army crossed the Delaware River on Christmas night and surprised the Hessians in Trenton. The Continental Army won the battle and captured over 900 Hessian soldiers.
3. List one valuable item removed from Philadelphia before the British occupation.
  - The patriots removed the State House Bell. (Today we know it as the Liberty Bell. They didn't move it because it was a famous symbol of liberty. It was valuable as metal and as a bell).
4. Who was the American hero at the Battle of Saratoga?
  - Benedict Arnold
5. Why was the winter at Valley Forge so difficult for the Continental Army?
  - The Continental Army suffered much hardship. They lacked food and clothing and many soldiers died of camp fevers.

6. Who trained Washington's soldiers during the encampment at Valley Forge?
  - Baron von Steuben trained the soldiers.
7. Who offered to give away the American fort at West Point to the British?
  - Benedict Arnold
8. What happened at the Battle of Yorktown?
  - The American and French forces defeated the army of British General Cornwallis. The British were surrounded on land and sea. Cornwallis surrendered his army. (This was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War, although there were skirmishes in 1782).
9. Do you think Hedgehog is a patriot or a Loyalist? Why?
  - Hedgehog is a patriot. He notes that the British occupation of Philadelphia is "a sad day for the patriots." He also cheers "Huzzah" for the British surrender at Saratoga and for American independence.
10. Who is Hedgehog?
  - Each student is Hedgehog.